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## WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

Germany Demands the Punishment of the Leaders of the Rebellion in the Flowery Kingdom—The Question is Presented Plainly and Must be Dealt With—Two Cable Lines Open—Arrival of Field Marshal Von Waldersee, the New Commander-in-Chief.

Hong Kong, Sept. 18.—It is reported in the West river district that Chinese troops are visible in every town, and that they are actively drilling. A Chinese gunboat is again patrolling the river, and it is evident that some action is contemplated. The Sandpiper, which has been patrolling the Delta, has proceeded to Canton.

DEMAND OF GERMANY.  
Washington, Sept. 18.—A copy of the German note demanding the punishment of the leaders of the rebellion in China was presented to Acting Secretary Adee at the State Department during the day from the German Embassy. The German charge, Baron Sternberg, being temporarily absent from the city, there could of course be no attempt at discussion of this most important communication. The Baron is expected to return to-morrow, when the subject may be taken up with him. Meanwhile the note itself will receive the earnest attention of the President and such members of the Cabinet as are in Washington to-morrow when he arrives.

The State Department has been all along directing its efforts to the speedy opening of negotiations for a final settlement with the Chinese Government, and has so far not been heard from relative to the matter of punishment beyond the indirect references obtained in the notes that have defined the Government's position. The question is now presented plainly, whether or not the negotiations shall be preceded with a decision on this point.

TWO CABLE LINES TO CHINA.  
Washington, Sept. 18.—The War Department has been notified that the Great Northern Cable Company announces the opening of the Chefoo-Taku-Port Arthur cable and connecting with Wei Hai Wei. This gives two lines to China.

NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.  
Hong Kong, Sept. 18.—The German steamer Sachsen, having on board Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, Commander-in-Chief of the international forces in China, and his staff, has arrived here.

CIRCULAR NOTE TO THE POWERS.  
Berlin, Sept. 18.—The Foreign Office has sent a circular note to the Powers announcing that the German Government considers that an indispensable preliminary to the beginning of peace negotiations with China is the delivering up of those who were responsible for the outrages.

The text of the telegraphic note, as the North German Gazette gives it, is as follows:  
The Government of the Emperor holds as preliminary to entering upon diplomatic relations with the Chinese Government that those persons must be delivered up who have been proved to be the original and principal authors of the outrages against international law, which have occurred at Peking. The number of those who were merely instruments in carrying out the outrages is too great to be named. Executions would be contrary to the civilized conscience, and the circumstances of such a group of leaders cannot be completely ascertained. But a few of those whose guilt is notorious should be delivered up and punished. The representatives of the Powers at Peking are in a position to give or bring forward convincing evidence. Less importance attaches to the number punished than to their character as chief instigators and leaders.

"The government believes it can count on the unanimity of all the Cabinets in regard to this point. Inasmuch as it is not the idea of just punishment, which would be a mere difference to a repetition of a crime. The government proposes, therefore, that the Cabinets concerned should instruct their representatives at Peking to indicate to the Chinese Government, as a condition of the settlement, the names of those persons from whose guilt instigating or perpetrating outrages all doubt is excluded.

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(Signed) "VON BUELOW."  
The note has been sent to the German Embassies at Washington, London, Paris, St. Petersburg, Rome, Vienna and Tokio.

WILL OPPOSE RUSSIA.  
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The British authorities here have been instructed to oppose vigorously the proposed Russian occupation of the Shan Hai Kwan and Tien Tsin railway, which is owned by a British syndicate and leased to the Chinese. The British Government is believed here to include an expedition to Shan Hai Kwan, which is now held by the Imperial troops.

Both the British and the Americans have an eye on Shan Kai Kwan as an open winter port. Only a few miles of railway have been destroyed. How bridges are intact. A British expedition to Shan Hai Kwan is probable at an early date.

## THE SLAYER OF GOEBEL.

MAIN TESTIMONY CONNECTING HOWARD WITH THE CRIME.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 18.—The prosecution concluded its direct testimony in the case of James Howard this afternoon. E. M. Burke, a stable boy, corroborated Bowman Gaines as to seeing Howard run out from the rear of the State house grounds shortly after the shooting.

W. H. Cullton, one of the alleged conspirators, who gave his former testimony which indirectly affected Howard. He claimed that Howard exhibited cartridges to him and also pointed sig-

nificantly to a broken polling of the fence. Cullton said he asked Howard what he meant by this and the latter told him "not to ask so many fool questions."

During the examination of witnesses this afternoon Colonel T. S. Campbell called on the court for protection from "the insulting insinuations," as he termed a reference made to him by Major Owens of the defense. The court imposed a fine of \$5 against Major Owens.

The defendant will take the stand as the first witness in his own behalf. He claims an alibi and the attorneys for the defense say they will bring overwhelming proof that Howard was standing in front of the Board of Trade Hotel, two squares away from the scene of the tragedy, when the shooting occurred.

## THE GALVESTON HORROR.

SICK AND WOUNDED RECEIVE BEST OF ATTENTION.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Galveston, Texas, Sept. 18.—The work of clearing the streets of debris is progressing under the perfect organization instituted by military rule under Adjutant General Scruvy. Over 2,000 men are engaged on the work. Ninety eight bodies are reported as having been found in the wreckage and removed to-day, making a total of 1,881 victims so far recovered. This list is far short of the accurate number of dead found because no official records are kept. Bodies found are buried or cremated and no systematic record has been kept. The storm wrecked almost every vault in the six cemeteries, and many of the dead were washed to sea in metal cases. So far only one casket has been found. It had been carried three miles from the vault.

LIGHTING THE STREETS.  
The extension of the electric lighting system continues. By to-morrow the district from Twentieth to Twenty-seventh street and from the bay to Broadway will be equipped with street lights. More than 200 skilled mechanics were brought here to-day from Texas cities.

The total number of dead is still estimated at five to six thousand. The newspaper list of over 4,000. The names of many negroes, Mexicans, Italians and other foreigners can never be secured.

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS.  
The work under the direction of the health department was pushed with vigor to-day. As fast as disinfectants are needed they are being used in the city. Over a railroad of disinfectants was taken from the wharves to-day and sent to the health department supply depot and almost as much was taken from that place and distributed over the city.

Much was done to-day in the way of removing debris and disposing of animal carcasses. The sick and wounded are receiving the best of treatment and the health department is doing its best to provide medical attention can have it on application. Besides the other hospitals and medical relief stations already in service, the marine hospital and refugee camp was opened this afternoon, and will accommodate a large number of patients. Persons able to travel have been taken from the hospitals and sent in the revenue cutters and by other means of transportation to Houston and other relief stations in the mainland.

The outlook from a health standpoint is very encouraging. Three pile drivers are at work closing up the breach in the Galveston Bay bridge, made by the steamship Roma. The rebuilding of the bridge is progressing rapidly.

A message from General Superintendent Nixon, of the Santa Fe railroad, to General Manager Polk this evening said trains will be able to cross on Thursday. Orders have been issued to allow freight to proceed to Galveston. The one bridge will be heavily taxed to accommodate all the trains. The tracks of Galveston Island will be completed to the bridge to-morrow noon. Engines are again running into the island depot and switching in the wharf yards, and are bringing freight ships in port. A prominent exporter from New York said that serious misrepresentations of the port and the grain stored here have been published.

The waterworks system is being gradually restored, and the mains are now supplying the various houses. Miss Clara Barton, of the Red Cross Society, has been tendered the use of the old Sealy building, formerly used by the general offices of the Santa Fe railroad. She has sent orders for medicines and surgical dressings, food for the sick and clothing and shoes. Otherwise she has recommended that money be sent her, as the merchants can supply a great many things needed.

A bureau has been established to take a complete census of the city. General Scruvy has ordered that all families living within a block of the pile of debris back of the district are to be moved out of the district as a sanitary precaution.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 18.—The City Council to-night appropriated two thousand dollars for the relief of the Galveston storm sufferers.

MEXICAN RESCUE.  
Mexico City, Mex., Sept. 18.—A bill has been introduced in the Mexican Congress providing for an appropriation of \$30,000 for the Galveston sufferers.

A TERRIBLE CONDITION.  
Galveston, Sept. 18.—"There are only ten houses in habitable condition south of High Island," says H. S. Spangler, general manager of the Gulf and Interstate Railway Company, who returned to-day from a tour of inspection of the property of his company. "There were thousands of bodies of dead animals and about 250 bodies of human beings found there. The latter have been partially buried, but the hands and feet are protruding from the earth in many places, and there are not enough people left in that section to bury the dead."

## Republican Congressional Nominations.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Richmond, Va., Sept. 18.—At Burkeville to-day the Fourth Congressional District Republicans met in convention and nominated C. E. Wilson, of Crews, Northway county, for Congress.

The Third District Republican convention met in Manchester to-day and nominated Edgar Allan, United States District Attorney for this district, for Congress by acclamation.

The Republicans of the Seventh District met at Burys to-day and nominated C. M. Gibbons, of Winchester, for Congress.

WORDS OF WISDOM  
FROM MR. BRYAN.

## He Talked to the People of Kansas Yesterday.

## BIG CROWD AT FORT SCOTT.

The "Full Dinner Pail" Argument of the Republican Party The Increase in the Army—A Hearer Who Desired Information About North Carolina and the Race Question McKinley's Treaty With the Sultan of the Sulu Tolerates and Recognizes Slavery—An Appeal.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Fort Scott, Kan., Sept. 18.—William J. Bryan arrived here at 8:30 a. m. He was entertained at breakfast by Mayor Goodlander at the Goodlander Hotel. The first meeting of the day was to have begun at 10 o'clock and the hall which holds 3,000 persons, was filled before 8 o'clock. It had been expected that the only speech would be made in the hall, but it was found necessary to hold the meeting in the public square in order to accommodate the crowd. Mr. Bryan contented himself with suggesting points for argument to his followers.

A GREAT CROWD.  
Later, in the park, he spoke from the ball stand. His audience there included a number of people from Indian Territory and Missouri, as well as from the neighboring towns of this State. Owing to the dense crowd Mr. Bryan found it impossible to mount the speaker's stand. He, therefore, had his carriage stopped in the midst of the crowd and spoke from the carriage box.

THE "FULL DINNER PAIL."  
The "full dinner pail" argument of the Republicans received his first attention and he contended that the working man is not well contented with a well supplied table.

"When the hog is hungry he squeals," said Mr. Bryan. "When he is full he goes to sleep. That seems to be the Republican idea of the working-man."

THE DUTY OF PARTIES.  
"No party," he argued, "had any claim upon a citizen except as a means of promoting his welfare, and no man was bound to support any party which was not true to the interests of the people. The Republican party has, he asserted, manifested no concern for the welfare of the masses, hence it had forfeited all claim upon their support. In substantiation of this statement he instanced what he designated as the Republican party's policy toward the negro, which were, he said, as private monopolies, entirely in the interests of the few, and opposed to the interests of the many."

INCREASE IN THE ARMY.  
The increase in the army, Mr. Bryan declared, was one of the facts going to show that the Republican party was not the party of the people. Accounting for the increase of the size of the army, he said that perhaps it was intended to meet such emergencies as that which had arisen in the anthracite coal regions. The only domestic reason for increasing the army was to suppress, by force, that discontent among the people which should be cured by legislation.

NORTH CAROLINA AGAIN.  
While he was discussing the colonial policy of the government some one asked Mr. Bryan about North Carolina and the race question in that State. "I am glad you mentioned North Carolina," said Mr. Bryan. "Now I want you to read the Sulu Treaty, let us take step by step, and never have time to think of North Carolina."

SLAVERY RECOGNIZED AND FAVORITELY TREATED.  
This rally brought a prolonged cheer from the crowd, and when it had subsided Mr. Bryan outlined this treaty, showing how it tolerated and recognizes slavery. He then said that the Republican party had been a party of the colored man for many years ago disfranchising the negro in the District of Columbia, and by legislation during the last session of Congress the negroes of Porto Rico had even been denied the right of trial by jury. "So State policy of the United States had gone so far."

"Yes," said he, "this race question is a serious question wherever it is encountered. And is not the presence of race prejudice in this country to-day a reason why we should not take the chances of increasing it by adding to our population eight millions of people of a totally different race? No intelligent citizen can deny the existence of the race question here, and it is such a serious question that it will take all the intelligence of both the white and black people to settle, even under existing conditions. For God's sake, then, let us take step by step, and never further complicate the situation."

Mr. Bryan left at 1:50 p. m. for Kansas City.

THE NIGHT MEETING.  
The night meeting in this city was held in a big three-ringed circus tent, which covered several thousand people. Mr. Bryan was received with deafening cheers and the applause did not subside for several minutes. He spoke with evident effort, his voice being hoarse as a result of the severe campaigning of the past few days. The speech was upon general lines and did not develop many new points.

## MARK HANNA.

SENATOR WELLINGTON, OF MARYLAND, ADMINISTERS COMFORT.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Chicago, Ill., Sept. 18.—Neither Senator Hanna, chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, nor Vice-Chairman Payne would discuss to-day W. J. Bryan's letter of acceptance.

"Enough replies will be made to that letter from the platform by men who are in the habit of speaking," said Senator Hanna.

For two hours before he left national headquarters to address a meeting of the Commercial McKinley Club, Senator Hanna was besieged by callers, the most conspicuous of whom was Senator Wellington, of Maryland.

"I am going to make speeches in De-

troit and Grand Rapids," said Senator Wellington. "Despite all that may be said to the contrary, the Republicans are in grave danger of losing Maryland, whereas they have been hopeful of winning there."

It was announced at Democratic national headquarters that next week Will E. Stevenson will begin a speaking tour of Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia.

## MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

WITH THE PEOPLE OF GALVESTON, TEXAS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Washington, Sept. 18.—Formal manifestations of sympathy with the people of Galveston in their great affliction continue to come from governments and rulers in all parts of the world. In addition to those already received, such expressions have come from the President of Chile, the British and Mexican ambassadors, the Spanish minister, the Belgian minister, the Peruvian minister and the Haitian minister. Where these communications come directly from the head of State, they are acknowledged by the President himself. The others are formally accepted and acknowledged by the Department of State.

The message from the British ambassador says:  
"I have been commanded by the Queen to express to the President of the United States the great sorrow with which Her Majesty has learned the details of the terrible disaster at Galveston."

"Her Majesty desires me to convey to the President the assurance of her sincere sympathy with the unfortunate sufferers from this calamity."

That from the Spanish ministers says:  
"Her Majesty, the Queen Regent, joins in expressions of sympathy for such horrible calamities, by which Her Majesty and her government have been painfully affected."

## SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

FIGHTING BETWEEN THE ENGLISH AND BOERS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Lorenzo Marques, Sept. 18.—Fighting is proceeding at Komatiport. All the available men have been sent to the frontier. It is expected that Komatiport will be destroyed. There is great uneasiness here.

Komatiport is a town on the frontier of the Transvaal and on the rail-

road leading from Pretoria to Portuguese territory. It is situated about fifty miles from Lorenzo Marques.

With the occupation of Komatiport the British would be able to cut off all supplies reaching the Boers by railroad from Portuguese territory.

London, Sept. 18.—Lord Roberts reports from Machodop, under date of Monday, September 17, that a few minor skirmishes have taken place between the British troops and the Boers. He adds that General French has captured fifty locomotives. In addition to the forty-three locomotives and other rolling stock which he took when he occupied Harborton, September 13, and that General Stephenson was expected to occupy Nelspruit during the afternoon of September 17.

## A PITCHED BATTLE.

London, Sept. 19.—The Daily Telegraph publishes the following from Lorenzo Marques, dated yesterday: "A pitched battle has been fought midway between Kap Muiden and Hector Spruit, resulting in heavy Boer losses. The Boers removed and will threaten to destroy the cog-wheels of locomotives used between Waterval Boven and Watervalonder, without which the railway cannot be worked. They have blocked and damaged the railway for six miles on the Crocodile Port section, and have destroyed the culverts and the Hector Spruit bridge and looted and burned Komatiport. The Boers are now at Komatiport, and heavy fighting is proceeding."

"It is rumored that Mr. Steyn has arrived here."

Southern Mills to Close.  
(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 18.—A number of mills in the upper part of the State have declared that they cannot run on full time with cotton at its present price. These mills all manufacture for foreign consumption almost exclusively, and their foreign trade has been crippled by the Chinese trouble. The majority of the mills in the State manufacture for home consumption almost exclusively; and their foreign trade has been crippled by the Chinese trouble.

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Although the crop in this State is only a little more than half, the price is proportionately advanced, and farmers are trying to hold for still better prices.

EDGAR ALLAN  
NAMED FOR CONGRESS.

## The Empty Honor of a Nomination Goes to Richmond.

## A YOUNG MAN PARDONED.

The Governor Restores a Young Man of Dandille to Wife and Family The Postoffice Department Determined to Break up Wholesale Bidding on the Virginia Mail Star Routes—The Democrats of Goodland Have a Great Day Col. R. C. Marshall.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Richmond, Va., Sept. 18.—Assistant District Attorney Edgar Allan was today nominated by the Republicans of this district to oppose Capt. John Lamb for Congress.

The convention, which met in Manchester, was dominated entirely by the wing of the party which is supposed to be unfriendly to Judge Waddill, and the proceedings were characterized by perfect harmony.

General Allan accepted the nomination in a speech which indicated his intention to make it warm for the Democrats. He practically admitted the hopelessness of the race, however, when he said that he wished he had been nominated at a time when the issues were more favorable to the Republicans.

The convention endorsed the national platform, making a few additions to cover local issues.

## A PARDON GRANTED.

The Governor granted a pardon today to James H. Slaughter, who was convicted in the Hastings Court of the city of Danville in February last of forgery and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

In giving his reasons the Governor says: "This is another instance where speculation and haste to get rich caused

tragedy, but hereafter he can control only one service and he must reside contiguous to that route and personally superintend its operations."

Yesterday was a great day with the Democrats of Goodland county. It was court-day, and the attendance was unusually large. Captain John Lamb and Hon. S. L. Kelley, district elector, were on hand to address the voters. Mr. Jefferson Wallace, Col. B. O. Jones and Mr. Harry B. Owen were present also.

There are two rival factions in the Democratic party in Goodland, and nearly the whole day was taken up with the discussion of the proposition to reorganize the County Committee. Considerable feeling was manifested.

Finally, in a spirit of compromise, the Leake faction, which contended that the present committee had two years longer to serve, offered a resolution, which was adopted, providing for reorganization next year.

One faction is led by former State Senator E. M. Parrish and the other by Judge A. K. Leake.

Col. R. C. Marshall, of Portsmouth, was at the Capitol to-day. He called to present to the Governor a petition for the pardon of a young man who has been convicted of a crime and sentenced to the penitentiary.

Col. Marshall, who is one of the many candidates for Governor, addressed a big crowd of voters in Southampton yesterday. He states that in his judgment, the Democrats of the Commonwealth will certainly elect Senator Maynard to Congress.

Col. Marshall is of opinion, also, that Bryan's chances of being elected President are improving every day.

## VIRGINIA MILITIA.

Col. J. A. Stearns, Assistant Inspector-General of Virginia, expects to finish the inspection of the militia about the tenth of October. Twenty-seven organizations have been mustered into service.

It is reported that Governor Tyler, shortly after the report of the inspection shall have been made, will issue an order for the formation of the companies into regiments. There can be but two regiments of twelve companies each just now. Richmond will probably be the headquarters of one regiment and Newport News or Norfolk of the other.

## ODD FELLOWSHIP.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS BY SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., Sept. 18.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows held a long session this morning, most of which was devoted to routine business and the introduction of resolutions, which were referred to committees.

Officers were elected as follows: Grand Sire—A. C. Cable, of Ohio. Deputy Grand Sire—John B. Goodwin, of Georgia.

Mr. Goodwin's election was unanimous. Messrs. Wright, of Pennsylvania; Nolan, of Tennessee, and Semmes, of Alabama, withdrawing in his favor.

Grand Secretary—J. Frank Grant, of Baltimore.

Grand Treasurer—M. Richards Muckle, of Pennsylvania.

The resolution appropriating \$1,500 to the Galveston sufferers was passed.

The body further considered the question of mileage and per diem. The proposal of the special Ways and Means Committee to reduce the mileage to eight and ten cents, was amended to read ten and twelve cents, as formerly, and on the call of the yeas and nays, the amendment was adopted—121 yeas; 85 noes. This ended the discussion, and the recommendation as amended was adopted.

This evening there was a dress parade of the Third regiment of Patriarchs Militant, of Massachusetts, and to-night a re-union of Past Grand representatives.

## HOME FOR BURIAL.

SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN PHILIPPINES AND CHINA.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, Sept. 18.—Colonel William S. Patton of the Quartermaster's Department, on duty at the War Department, has completed arrangements for the free transportation to the United States of the remains of soldiers and sailors and civilians who lost their lives and were buried in the island possessions of the United States and in China.

The approximate number of remains to be exhumed is 1,331, distributed in the following places:

Philippines—Thirty-six enlisted men of the Third regiment of Patriarchs Militant, of Massachusetts, and to-night a re-union of Past Grand representatives.

China—Twenty officers of the army, 55 enlisted men of the army and 57 of the navy.

Philippines—Seventeen officers of the army, 1,150 enlisted men of the army and 25 men of the navy.

## TWENTY PERSONS DROWNED.

COLLISION OF STEAMERS IN CARIBBEAN BAY.

(By telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Liverpool, Sept. 18.—The British steamer Gordon Castle and the German steamer Stormarn collided in Caribbean Bay Sunday night, and both vessels sank. Twenty of the persons on board the Gordon Castle were lost. The Stormarn cut the Gordon Castle in twain in a dense fog. The Gordon Castle's army, one hundred, her bodies exploding. The Stormarn floated for an hour. Her boats saved a few of the Gordon Castle's passengers, who were transferred to the steamer Borregaard and taken to Pombrey.

## Mr. Barker's Delusion.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 18.—Hon. Wharton Barker, nominee for President on the Middle-of-the-Road Populist ticket, is in Georgia. He believes he will get one and a half million votes in November and that his vote will come from the two million of Populists who supported Bryan last election, and he thought Bryan would get but a quarter of a million of Populist votes. He thinks under present conditions President McKinley's chances are better than those of Mr. Bryan. Mr. Barker says he is hopeful of carrying both Georgia and Texas. He expects to get 15,000 votes in Nebraska and make a good showing in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, West Virginia, Kentucky, Kansas and South Dakota.

Mr. Parr has grown rich by his con-

MORE THAN ONE  
HUNDRED THOUSAND.

## The Great Strike of the Anthracite Coal Miners.

## BITTER FEELING DEVELOPING.

The Price of Coal Has Been Advanced Fifty Cents Per Ton to Consumers—A Concession Granted to the Five Thousand Employees of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company—Mines are Permanently Closed—One Prominent Feature—What President Mitchell Has to Say.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 18.—The leader of the strike says at the end of the second day that 118,000 of the 141,000 mine workers in the anthracite coal fields are idle. No representative of the mine operators make a statement for their side of the matter, but individual mine owners dispute the strikers' figures, saying there are more men at work than the union leaders will admit.

The first advance in the price of coal as a result of the strike was made by the Philadelphia and Reading Company to-day, 25 cents per ton being added. This advance was promptly met by the local dealers, who increased the price to consumers 50 cents a ton.

A cloud appears on the otherwise peaceful horizon in the shape of a report from Harrisburg that a bitter feeling is developing between the union and non-union men in the Lykens district, located in the upper end of Dauphin county, and involving about 2,500 mine workers.

A CONCESSION.  
A concession was voluntarily granted the 5,000 employees of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company in the region west of Mauch Chunk, who will hereafter work ten hours a day with an increase in earnings. These men were unorganized and had not presented any grievances.

PERMANENTLY CLOSED.  
True to its declaration, made before the strike was ordered, the Philadelphia and Reading Company to-day brought its mines to the surface in two mines near Shamokin that had been closed by the strike, and announced that they were permanently abandoned. This action makes it necessary for the miners who formerly worked in these collieries to seek work elsewhere.

ONE PROMINENT FACTOR.  
The action of the 400 or more employees of the West End Coal Company at Mocanaqua, near Wilkes-Barre, in sticking to their work, stands out prominently as the busy feature of an otherwise uneventful day. They say they have no grievance, but they have received kindly treatment from their employers and therefore resist every effort to induce them to strike.

Earlier Phillips, the Catholic priest, who has been an interested figure in the strike, both before and after, made a statement to the public to-night, presenting an argument in behalf of arbitration and urging both sides to get together.

## PRESIDENT MITCHELL'S STATEMENT.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 18.—Following is the statement issued by President Mitchell on behalf of the striking mine workers:

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 18, 5:10 p. m., No. 3.

Reports received at our office from Districts No. 1, 7 and 9 of the anthracite coal regions show that there have been no accidents, no strikes of the strikers to-day, in District No. 1 (Hazleton region) not less than 1,500 mine workers who mined yesterday failed to report for work this morning, thus increasing the total number of strikers from 10,000 to 11,500 to-day.

In District No. 7 (Schuylkill) our forces have been augmented by 4,500 mine workers in addition to the 30,000 reported yesterday. The situation in District No. 1 (Lackawanna-Wyoming) is practically the same as the first day of the strike, only 300 men remaining at work. The total number of men idle, 118,000.

From every section of the anthracite region reports indicate that much dissatisfaction prevails among those who have up to this time failed to participate in the strike, and we confidently expect that the number at work will grow less with each succeeding day until the mines shall be completely closed.

JOHN MITCHELL,  
President United Mine Workers of America.

PRICE OF COAL ADVANCED.  
Philadelphia, Sept. 18.—The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company announced this afternoon that on and after this date all grades of coal are advanced 25 cents a ton.

Our Export Iron Trade.  
(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 18.—James Dower, vice-president of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railway Company, has returned from a five months' trip to Europe. Mr. Dower says the demand for American steel and iron in Europe is as strong as ever and that the export business of the South with that country is bound to develop year by year. Just now the export is hampered by high railroad rates to the coast and still more unreasonably high rates charged by ocean craft.

## CLASS